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## "KILL A RAT."

We have had all kinds of rallying cries for public service during and since the war, but the latest is by long odds the most startling. Here it is: "Kill a rat for your country's sake."

It is promulgated in all earnestness by the United States Health Service, which has figured out that the rats eat \$180,000,000 worth of food-stuffs every year, which would go a long way toward freeing us of the burdens of war taxes if applied to that purpose.

There are three kinds of rats in this country, according to a little booklet on the subject just issued by the government—the Norway, or common brown rat, the common black rat and the Alexandrian rat, which is the bolshievist of its species, a nasty, dirty creature with whiskers and a temper that would turn a wildcat green with envy. But you can kill them all the same way, and this is how:

By starving him, through the use of rat-proof receptacles for food and metal garbage cans.

By depriving him of breeding places, through the abolition of plank yards and passageways.

By refusing him admission to the comfort of your building, through ratproof construction and screened basement openings.

By killing him at every opportunity.

By demanding city anti-rat ordinances and state anti-rat laws.

The Norway rat is the largest and most ferocious of America's rodents. He'll eat anything, not stopping at a very small child if particularly hungry. He has been pretty well killed off and the government adjures all of us who see him to attack at once and crush him. The black rat and the Alexandrian have been confined by various household and barnyard traps, poisons and other exterminators to the waterfronts of seaports. They are all aliens, their ancestors having come from Egypt, Norway and other old world countries as far back as the days of John Smith and Salem witchcraft.

The United States Public Health Service doesn't limit rat killing to any stated methods, but says that rat-proofing one's home and barns and granaries is more effective than trusting to rat catchers—mechanical or animal—traps or poisons. First rat-proof your buildings, then go out after the rat in the open.

## METHODS OF PROMOTION.

The quartermaster general of the army, testifying before the house committee on military affairs, averred that 95 percent of the officers of the army are opposed to the plan of the general staff to abandon the old method of advancing officers to higher rank according to seniority in favor of promotion by selection. It is feared that political influence will play a part under the new scheme in procuring advancement, or that it may tempt officers to assume a fawning attitude toward superiors who have the power of recommending promotions. Yet the best interests of the service and of the country, which are superior to those of any individual, demand that capability must be placed above mere length of service in filling vacancies that may occur in the commissioned personnel.

There is so much to be said on both sides that it may be well worth the effort for the general staff to attempt to effect a compromise between the two positions. A plan recently adopted by the commanding officer of the 25th infantry for the promotion of non-commissioned officers of that regiment, which is stationed at Nogales, Ariz., offers helpful suggestions. Col. Carnahan directs that the heretofore generally followed rule of seniority for recommending corporals for appointment as sergeants shall not necessarily be observed in the future. In case, however, a junior is recommended for appointment over the head of a senior, not only will his special qualities be set forth, but also the shortcomings of the senior. Seniors that are passed twice will be recommended for reduction.

"Efficiency," the colonel says, "will be the prime factor in considering promotions of non-commissioned officers, but in applying the rule it should be remembered that the greatest measure of organization efficiency will not be attained by jumping juniors over seniors for slight difference of merit or for other than most substantial cause."

These remarks, directed in a general order to the members of the regiment, are worth the attention of the general staff and of congress.

## A WELCOME ROYAL GUEST.

Democratic America may well enthuse over so democratic a king as Albert of Belgium. This sovereign, whose record in the war was so sustaining to his own people and stimulating to others, is continuing to give evidence of the sincerity of his humanitarianism, and when he arrives on these shores

within a few days he will receive a welcome from the heart.

Albert is without doubt the most thoughtful of monarchs as well as the most simple. He refused to take passage in the George Washington until assured that the liner would also carry a contingent of troops, for he would not permit his journey to interfere with the transportation of American soldiers to their homeland. He hopes there will be few languets when he arrives, for he says that aside from coming to repay President Wilson's visit and to thank the United States for aid to Belgium he is chiefly concerned with opportunity to "learn something."

It is not likely, however, that Albert will have his wish gratified in full. So universal will be the desire to honor him that our cities will probably keep his days filled with public functions. But it is not amiss to join in the hope that he may be permitted sufficient time to use in his own way to "learn something" about this country and its people. This he will not learn at the banquet table and at state receptions. But he can learn it in the offices and factories, in the mines and mills, on the farms and streets. And he will learn that at heart the American and Belgium people are one.

## FARMING IN THE HILLS.

One of the great advantages of county fairs and of agricultural exhibitions in general, is their tendency to advertise and encourage the type of farming suited to the geography of the country.

Many a farm has been abandoned because an earnest, hard-working farmer tried to raise wheat when he should have been raising cattle or planting an apple orchard.

One of the interesting exhibits at the National Dairy show in Chicago will be the cheeses and other dairy products made in one of the mountainous sections of the south. There the climate is mild, the soil fairly rich, and the temptation to the man who has not studied modern farm ideas would be to try general farming. But the department of agriculture with its county agents has set the mountain people on the right track, and instead of growing one-sided from plowing the hillsides they let their cattle do the farm work in the rugged, hilly fields, while they themselves work in their dairies.

American-made cheeses of foreign type are the specialty of the section. Swiss, Roquefort, Ricotta and the juicy Camembert all will be shown at the exhibition. There will also be butter made on the mountain farm and packed for shipment to the tropics.

These are the things that the farmer of today, is doing, and farming is rapidly becoming one of the most scientific and best paying industries in the country.

## SPOILIATION OF ARMENIA.

News comes that the Turks have renewed their attacks upon Armenia. There is reason to doubt, indeed, if for any considerable period they have desisted. The descendants of the people whose government was the first to make Christianity the state religion now face the threat of extermination. This, in fact, has been the sole aim of Turkish oppression for more than 30 years and evidence has been indisputable that bloody massacres, repeated times without number, have been inspired by deliberate policies of state. The Turks do not like the unbelievers. Ergo, exterminate them.

On grounds of morality and sentiment, no question is more burning in demand for immediate solution. That the solution seems to be dependent on the use of armed forces and that all the nations are hesitant to expend efforts in this direction are factors that seem to render it expedient to give priority to problems less difficult to handle. A nation that would boldly act now, upon its own initiative, to bring relief to this down-trodden people would win for itself the acclaim of history.

## SCIENCE AND THE MOVIES.

There is scarcely anything now which cannot be seen in the movies. Recently the progress of a storm across Europe was shown to a group of interested science students at the Sorbonne in Paris. The many separate maps which had been made showing the original low pressure area as it rose, expanded and moved over the face of the continent, had been filmed in correct order so that an animated map could be thrown on the screen.

It is easy to see what a help such a moving picture would be in teaching a class of young students. It will also help the expert in his effort to reach conclusions about atmospheric conditions. It eliminates the necessity of poring over a number of separate weather maps. This new arrangement for the study of the air will be a great boon to students of aerial navigation. There is no limit, so far as one can see, to the possibilities which may be developed from this beginning.

In time, perhaps, the motion pictures made for entertainment only may be of less importance than those made for purposes of study and scientific instruction. Physical geography, astronomy, geology, botany and all the rest can be taught more directly and fully with the aid of the screen. And when shown in all their fascinating mystery in this way they may become just as popular as the athletic hero or the glycerine-teared lady star of the film drama.

If it is true, as reported, that 5,000 of Uncle John Bull's daughters will soon arrive in this country for the purpose of acquiring husbands, old bachelors cannot be too precipitate in breaking for the tall timber.

New York reports the arrival of a ship having as part of its cargo toys made in Germany. The Huns must think that Americans rank high (or low) as forgetters,—or are they Xmas gifts to the republicans in congress.

Lord Grey is bringing his own special brand of tea with him to America. That's what lots of them call it: "Tea."

Dayton, O., has been observing a "good citizenship" day. Every day's a good citizenship day here.

Go nutting, and fill the corner of the attic as they used to in the good old days. Nuts are food.

The proposal to turn clothes inside out ought to make a strong appeal to certain politicians.

It's pretty hard to keep some of those western senators from jumping the reservations.

## The Tower of Babel

—BY BILL ARMSTRONG—

OH DEATH, WHERE IS THY STING?  
(From The News-Times.)  
"Never kiss a person nor let one kiss you," warns Dr. Emil G. Freyermuth, secretary of the city board of health.

The doctor adds that he means persons suffering with colds.

We wonder if a party, bent on such practices, could conveniently carry a box of Rexall cold tablets somewhere on his person, for the purpose of administering treatment if necessary.

WANT AD IN THE INDIANAPOLIS NEWS.  
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John Zuver's three column editorials have been giving our little effort an awful hungry, thin appearance the last few days. Some editors seem to think they can't get sore and write somebody up without breaking out over four or five columns.

The Saturday Evening Post hasn't running such fat editorials.

"Each man knows where his own shoe pinches. I have had a most vivid realization of what it must have meant to Abraham Lincoln, in the midst of the heartbreaking anxieties of the civil war, to have to take up his time trying to satisfy candidates for postmaster," sez the late T. Roosevelt in one of the 150-000 letters he wrote in his life, according to his biographer.

One of the Chicago evening papers is devoting a page a day just now to the engrossing subject of whether blue or brown eyed men are the best. With white paper as high as it is, and the fact long established that brown eyed men are far superior in every way, it seems that this publisher could be using his paper to a better advantage.

Here's a sample of the letters being received on the subject:

"I have had two husbands. My first one was a blue-eyed man, and I had to divorce him, for he was the biggest vamp that ever walked the street. He would spend all his money with other women, leaving nothing for his wife and children. Now, I have a brown-eyed husband, and he is the best husband there is."

## The Horoscope

SUNDAY AND MONDAY.  
SEPT. 28—29.

Sunday promises to be a day with the activities centered in matters of the mind—especially with the interests focussed on the occult, the metaphysical or the investigation and study of subtle forces. Avoid impulsive, rash and intemperate conduct in word and deed.

Those whose birthday it is should shun quarrels and litigation. A child born on this day will be hasty and impetuous, but kind and generous. Monday will be a lively and eventful day, especially promising for those in the employment of others. There is a warning to be careful of the health and also to be particularly careful in traveling or making any important changes. In matters outside of business these should be pleasant and prosperous. Venus and Jupiter—two most friendly and gracious planets—being in semi-sextile aspect.

Those whose birthday it is should be successful, provided they make no change and attend to their health. A child born on this day will be industrious and well thought of, but may succeed best in employment of others.

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Trade.

I wouldn't give my brown-eyed husband for all the blue-eyed men in the world."

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

Nelson Jones, the well known planter, announces that he will not deliver his fish hound talk again this season, but that his future lectures during the fall and winter will have to do with his trained beetles and other bug research work that he is now engaged in. Mr. Jones' most interesting lecture on "Bugs I Have Known," was heard by the University club this week. Nearly the entire crowd remained until the completion of the discourse.

Business in South Bend has slipped back to normal again with the bankers back from Indianapolis.

Our creditors held a meeting out in front of the office at a late hour the other evening and after four hours parley agreed to accept eight cents on the dollar. Fred Rose and Max Adler were badly hurt in the scramble which followed the calling of the meeting to order. Four policemen, in charge of Patrolman Seldor Seber, held the crowd at bay while we were climbing into a Yellow taxi to go home, following the meeting.

Michigan st. merchants were busy today marking up merchandise in preparation for attending the world series.

Seals are now being reserved in Fred Reimold's store.

If you know Sol, maybe he will let you go up and see how the blame thing works.

## PA PERKINS SEZ.

Show me a  
good-legger and  
I'll show you a  
Packard or a  
Pierce-Arrow.

My friends, run over in your mind the automobile accidents you have read about the last few months. Wouldn't it jar you if you picked up a paper and read about a smash, with this as the final sentence of the article: "A half filled bottle of Silver Edge was found under the rear seat."

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## Announcement

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HON. JUDGE PHILLIP BREGSTONE of Chicago, Lecturer. SUBJECT: "The Jew and His Great Future."

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